UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FILE NO. GK-ZEI-3152 500343.20153 COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: FLUORESCENCE MICROSCOPES the specification of which is attached hereto. was filed on February 13, 2002 as United States patent application Serial Number 10/049,548 as PCT international patent application No. _ was filed on and was amended on (if any). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37. Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: Prior Foreign Application(s) DATE OF FILING PRIORITY COUNTRY APPLICATION NUMBER CLAIMED UNDER (day, month, year) 35 U.S.C. § 119 100 30 929.1 26 June 2000 YES X NO Germany YES ___ NO_ I hereby appoint REED SMITH LLP and the members of the firm: Lloyd McAulay, Reg. No. 20,423; Jules E. Goldberg, Reg. No. 24,408; Gerald H. Kiel, Reg. No. 25,116; Eugene LeDonne, Reg. No. 35,930; Stephen Chin, Reg. No. 39,938; Arthur Dresner, Reg. No. 24,403; Daniel Lent, Reg. No. 44,867; Samir R. Patel, Reg. No. 44,998; and Harry K. Ahn, Reg. No. 40,243, as attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute all business in the Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith and to receive all correspondence. Gerald H. Kiel, Esq. REED SMITH, LLP SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO: 375 Park Avenue New York, New York 10152-1799, U.S.A. DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO: (212) 521-5400 I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. FULL NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE DATE x 06. 05. 2002 Reiner MITZKUS COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP RESIDENCE 37085 Goettingen\Germany Germany POST OFFICE ADDRESS Leinefelder Str. 15, 37085 Goettingen, Germany FULL NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR (IF ANY) INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE 6.5.2002 Alex SOELL COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP RESIDENCE 37136 Waake Germany Germany

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